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In re Patent Application of

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Title: NEW SEQUENCES OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS GENOTYPES AND THEIR USE AS  
THERAPEUTIC AND DIAGNOSTIC AGENTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

**Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment 44 minus highest number previously paid for 23 (at least 20) = 21 x \$ 18.00 \$ 378.00

Independent claims after amendment 20 minus highest number previously paid for 3 (at least 3) = 17 x \$ 80.00 \$ 1360.00

If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$270.00 (ignore improper) \$ 270.00

Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$390.00/2 months; \$890.00/3 months) \$ 0.00

Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 \$ 0.00

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**Subtotal** \$ 2008.00

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 Statement filed herewith

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Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) \$ 0.00

Other: \$ 0.00

**TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED** \$ 2008.00

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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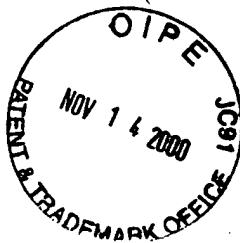
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Responsive to the Notice dated October 12, 2000, the applicants respectfully submit the Declaration was filed with the application on August 15, 2000, as evidenced by the attached copy of the undersigned's post card receipt. A further copy of the Declaration is attached for the convenience of the Office. No late fee is believed to be required. Entry of the following amendments is requested.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Amend the claims as follows.

Cancel claims 1-24<sup>23</sup>, without prejudice.

Add the following claims.